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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension to June 19, 2001 of the deadline previously extended by a two-month extension to May 21, 2001 (May 19, 2001 being a Saturday) to respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2000, in order to file a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application. The fee of \$500.00 (the difference between the \$890.00 three-month fee and the already paid \$390.00 two-month fee) under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755.

If a telephonic discussion would be helpful to further the prosecution, Applicants' attorney can be reached at the telephone number below. Correspondence should continue to be directed to the address below. Any deficiencies in fees should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755.

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